



State of Maryland – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
**MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION**  
Catonsville, MD 21228

**APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ADMISSION**

To the Administrative Head of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Facility

I hereby apply for voluntary admission to your facility for the care or treatment of a mental disorder pursuant to the provisions of Health-General Article, §10-609, Annotated Code of Maryland, which has been explained and provided to me (See law printed on reverse of this form.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Telephone Number

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Application for Voluntary Admission must be on this form [Health-General Article, §10-609(b)(1)]

## HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE

### §10-609. Application by individual

- (a) In general. — Application for voluntary admission of an individual to a facility may be made under this section by the individual, if the individual is 16 years old or older.
- (b) Application. — The applicant shall:
  - (1) Submit a formal, written application that contains the personal information and is on the form required by the Administration; or
  - (2) Informally request admission.
- (c) Admission limitations — In general. — A facility may not admit an individual under this section unless:
  - (1) The individual has a mental disorder;
  - (2) The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
  - (3) The individual understands the nature of the request for admission;
  - (4) The individual is able to give continuous assent to retention by the facility; and
  - (5) The individual is able to ask for release.
- (d) Same — Individuals 65 or over. — (1) In addition to the limitations in subsection (c) of this section, a State facility may not admit an individual who is 65 years old or older unless a geriatric evaluation team determines that there is no available, less restrictive form of care or treatment that is adequate for the needs of the individual.
  - (2) If admission is denied because of the determination of the geriatric evaluation team, the team shall:
    - (i) Inform the individual; and
    - (ii) Help the individual obtain the less restrictive form of care or treatment that the geriatric evaluation team finds would be adequate for the needs of the individual.

### §10-803. Voluntary admissions.

- (a) Informal request. — An individual who is admitted voluntarily to a facility, on an informal request, may leave the facility at any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.
- (b) Formal applications — In general. — An individual who has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, may not be held for more than 3 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(c) ~~Same~~ **Minors.** — A minor who has been admitted voluntarily, on the application of a parent or guardian of the minor, may not be held for more than 3 days after the applicant for the admission asks for release, unless the admission status of the minor has been changed to an involuntary admission.